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ABSTRACT

Compositions and methods are provided for endopeptidase production and for enhanced efficiencies of processing heterologous precursor polypeptides to mature polypeptides, including proteins requiring gamma-carboxylation for biological activity. These compositions and methods utilize recombinant PACE, a mammalian endopeptidase that is specific for dibasic amino acid sites.